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"ANTHRAQUINONE QUENCHER DYES,  
THEIR METHODS OF PREPARATION  
AND USE"

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 16, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims. This response is accompanied by a petition for a two-month extension of time extending the period for reply from April 16, 2009 to June 16, 2009, and by the requisite fee.

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